

REMARKS

Claims 5-8 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 5-8 are rejected.

Claims 5-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 5-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Watanabe et al. (US 4,794,553).

The Applicants traverse the rejections and request reconsideration.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 112

The claims have been amended to overcome their rejections under section 112.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. 102

Rejection of Claims 5-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Watanabe et al.

Watanabe does not disclose a display processing unit as required by claims 5-8 that executes to subdivide the numeral value into a preset digit number and to display a portion of the subdivided numeral values, if a digit number of the numeral value to be displayed is larger than a displayable digit number of the numeral value display device.

Further, Watanabe does not disclose that the display processing unit executes: incrementing an editing digit when the up key is depressed; decrementing the editing digit when the down key is depressed; incrementing an editing digit variable when the left key is depressed; decrementing the editing digit variable when the right key is depressed; determining a value of a display unit variable based upon the value of the editing digit variable; and switching a portion of

a numeral value to be displayed based upon the value of the display unit variable to display the switched portion of the numeral value and to clearly display the relevant editing digit as required by claims 5 and 7.

Still further, Watanabe does not disclose that the display processing unit executes: incrementing an editing digit when the up key is depressed; decrementing the editing digit when the down key is depressed; incrementing an editing digit variable until the digit is reached to an uppermost order digit and changing the uppermost order digit to 0 when the left key is depressed; determining a value of a display unit variable based upon the value of the editing digit variable; and switching a portion of a numeral value to be displayed based upon the value of the display unit variable to display the switched portion of the numeral value and to clearly display the relevant editing digit as required by claim 6 and 8

Because of the features described above, it is possible to display numeral values having a greater number of digits than the number of digits which can be displayed on a numeric value display device without causing erroneous impressions to the operator.

For a claim to be anticipated, each and every limitation must be disclosed in the cited reference. The Examiner has not established anticipation at least because he has not shown where each of the above discussed limitations are disclosed in Watanabe.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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